AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 18, 2004

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003-04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1812

Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez

January 13, 2004

An act to amend Section 12517.2 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1812, as amended, Bermudez. Drivers' certificates: medical examination.

Existing law requires applicants for an original or renewal certificate to drive a schoolbus, school pupil activity bus, youth bus, general public paratransit vehicle, or farm labor vehicle to submit a specified report of a medical examination by a physician licensed to practice medicine.

This bill would include, as an alternative, a report of a medical examination given by a licensed physician's assistant, *nurse* practitioner, or doctor of chiropractic.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12517.2 of the Vehicle Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 12517.2. (a) Applicants for an original or renewal certificate
- 4 to drive a schoolbus, school pupil activity bus, youth bus, general
- 5 public paratransit vehicle, or farm labor vehicle shall submit a

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report of a medical examination of the applicant given not more than two years prior to the date of the application by a physician licensed to practice medicine or a licensed physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or doctor of chiropractic. The report shall be on a form approved by the department, the Federal Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation Administration.

7 (b) Schoolbus drivers, within the same month of reaching 65 8 years of age and each 12th month thereafter, shall undergo a 9 physical examination, pursuant to Section 12804.9, and shall submit a report of that medical examination on a form as specified 11 in subdivision (a).